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FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN GOVERNMENT DAILY ETHIOPIAN  
HERALD APRIL 6, ENTITLED UNCALLED FOR PROVOCATIONS,  
IS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF US POLICY IN HORN OF AFRICA.  
FULL TEXT FOLLOWS: COMMENTS BY SEPTEL.

### 1. BEGIN TEXT:

"IN A PREPARED STATEMENT DELIVERED AT THE NATIONAL  
THEATRE IN LAGOS, NIGERIA ON APRIL 1, 1978, PRESIDENT JIMMY  
CARTER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAD ALLEGED  
THAT "MASSIVE NUMBER OF FOREIGN TROOPS ARE ALREADY  
PLANNING FOR MILITARY ACTION IN ERITREA, WHICH WILL  
RESULT IN GREATLY INCREASED BLOODSHED AMONG THOSE  
UNFORTUNATE PEOPLES". SIMILAR UNFOUNDED REMARKS  
WERE ALSO MADE EARLIER BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS ENROUTE TO LAGOS. SINCE ANTI-ETHIOPIA  
STATEMENTS OF THIS NATURE HAVE BECOME THE STANDARD  
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PATTERN OF RECENT SPEECHES BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS  
REGARDING THE SITUATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, IT WOULD  
BE FUTILE TO RESPOND TO ALL THEIR BASELESS ALLEGATIONS.  
BUT IT SHOULD BE PLACED ON RECORD THAT SUCH UNCALLED  
FOR PROVOCATIONS APART FROM INTERFERING IN ETHIOPIA'S  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WOULD ONLY BE AGGRAVATING ALREADY  
STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. IT IS INTERESTING THAT WASHINGTON HAS CHOSEN ONE OF AFRICA'S MOST POPULOUS CITIES AS A STAGING GROUND FOR THIS MALICIOUS CAMPAIGN OF VILIFICATION AGAINST ETHIOPIA IN A FUTILE ATTEMPT TO MISLEAD AFRICA PUBLIC OPINION. SUCH IMPERTINENT REMARKS ARE INTENDED TO CAST ASPERSIONS ON THE CHARACTER OF THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION WHICH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND ITS ALLIES IN THE REGION HAVE TRIED TO UNDERMINE FROM ITS VERY INCEPTION. THE LATEST AMERICAN DIATRIBE IS THEREFORE A GROSS MISREPRESENTATION OF THE FACTS, AND AN INTOLERABLE INTERFERENCE IN ETHIOPIA'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

3. IT IS TO BE RECALLED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IMPOSED A VIRTUAL EMBARGO ON ARMS AGAINST ETHIOPIA AT A TIME WHEN ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND UNITY WAS MOST SERIOUSLY THREATENED. IT IS ALSO REGRETTABLE THAT WASHINGTON, WHILE KNOWING FULL WELL THAT NONE OF SOMALIA'S NEIGHBOURS POSE A THREAT TO IT, IS TODAY ENTICING THE AGGRESSOR WITH A GENEROUS OFFER OF ARMS WHICH IT HYPOCRITICALLY CALLS "DEFENSIVE WEAPONS". IT IS ALSO PRESENTLY CONNIVING WITH THE PUPPET REGIME IN MOGADISHO AGAINST THE SOVEREIGNTY OF DJIBOUTI, AN INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATE, THAT WASHINGTON WANTS TO USE AS A PAWN IN ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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ENDEAVOUR TO APPEASE A VORACIOUS AND RECKLESS DICTATOR.

4. IN REALITY, AMERICA'S APPARENT "CONCERN FOR PEACE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA," AND ITS DECLARED OPPOSITION TO THE SO-CALLED "INTERVENTION OF OUTSIDE POWERS" DOES NOT CORRESPOND WITH ITS ACTIVITIES PARTICULARLY IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. IF ANYTHING, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ONLY BEEN ENCOURAGING SOMALIA'S EXPANSIONISM TO DISTURB THE PEACE OF THE REGION, BUT IT HAS ALSO BEEN SENDING WAR-SHIPS TO THE RED SEA AREA FOR PROVOCATIVE, INTIMIDATING AND DESTABILIZING PURPOSES. IT IS NO SECRET THAT THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES ARE CURRENTLY CARRYING OUT JOINT NAVAL EXERCISES IN THIS AREA WITH THESE SAME OBJECTIVES IN MIND.

5. ONE WOULD HAVE ASSUMED THAT GANGSTER LOGIC AND GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY WERE THINGS OF THE PAST. BUT FROM THE PROVOCATIVE NAVAL EXERCISES GOING ON OFF THE SHORE OF ETHIOPIA, IT APPEARS THAT SUCH CRUDE METHODS ARE BEING REVIVED BY THE "COLD WAR WARRIORS" IN CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION. THE DIRECT INTERVENTION OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM IN GUATEMALA, CUBA, DOMINICAN

REPUBLIC, VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA ARE MATTERS OF HISTORICAL RECORD.

6. AS FAR AS AMERICA'S RECORD OF BLOODSHED IS CONCERNED MANKIND HAS NOT FORGOTTEN THE RECENT HEINOUS ACTS OF MASS DESTRUCTION CARRIED OUT BY AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AGAINST THE HEROIC PEOPLE OF VIETNAM. THE SYSTEMATIC DESTRUCTION OF HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, DAMS, DIKES, CHURCHES AND PAGODAS ARE ACTS OF BARBARISM THAT WILL CONTINUE TO HAUNT THE MEMORIES OF ALL PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

7. DESPITE THE 'HOLIER THAN THOU' ATTITUDE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON, THE UNITED STATES STILL RANKS FIRST AMONG THE MOST FORMIDABLE VIOLATORS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE FATE OF MINORITIES IN THE U.S. IS A CASE OF GRAVE CONCERN. PRESIDENT CARTER PREACHES A SERMON OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE WORLD. BUT WE BELIEVE THAT HE SHOULD TURN HIS ATTENTION TO HIS OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS FIRST.

8. PRESIDENT CARTER'S CONCERN ABOUT "FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA" WOULD ALSO MAKE MORE SENSE IF IT WERE DIRECTED AT AMERICA'S CLIENTS IN THE REGION, WHO ARE TOTALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LACK OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA.

9. IT IS NOT SURPRISING, THAT AMERICAN IMPERIALISM HAVING BEEN FRUSTRATED BY THE FAILURE OF ITS CONCERTED EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION BY THE BLATANT AGGRESSION IT ORCHESTRATED FROM WITHOUT, IS NOW USING ITS LAST CARD TO DESTABLIZE THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION THROUGH THE NORTH. THIS IS NOT AT ALL SURPRISING. BUT WASHINGTON'S LATEST ATTEMPT TO SOW SEEDS OF DISCORD IN AFRICA SHOULD INDEED BE VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNED. AFTER ALL TO DIVERT WORLD PUBLIC OPINION FROM THE PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE-EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, WASHINGTON IS FRANTICALLY ATTEMPTING TO PIT AFRICANS AGAINST AFRICANS, ARABS AGAINST ARABS AND AFRICANS AGAINST ARABS. BUT ETHIOPIA WILL NOT BE USED AS A CONVENIENT SHOVEL."

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